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AGENCY FOR SHUBIN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SWISS SHEETS

1. RE INQUIRY CONCERNING AVAILABILITY IN CANADA OF SWISS SHEETS; THIS EXPLOSIVE IS ILLEGAL IN CANADA. PRELIMINARY CHECK INDICATES THAT ONLY MATERIAL KNOWN RPT KNOWN TO HAVE ENTERED CANADA CAME IN CONNECTION WITH OCCASIONAL LETTER BOMB FROM OVERSEAS. ADDITIONAL CHECKS ARE BEING MADE BY RCMP IN ATTEMPT TO PINPOINT SOMEWHAT MORE SHARPLY POSSIBLE DEGREE OF AVAILABILITY IN CANADA.

2. RCMP REQUESTS THAT YOU BE ADVISED THAT DUPONT, HOWEVER, MANUFACTURES IN CANADA AND THEY PRESUME ALSO IN THE U.S. AN EXPLOSIVE WHICH IS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO SWISS SHEETS. SCHERLOWSKY ADVISES THAT IT WOULD TAKE "EXPERT ANALYSIS" OF EITHER EXPLOSIVE BEFORE DETONATION OR DEBRIS AFTER DETONATION TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN SWISS SHEETS AND DUPONT PRODUCT. IF FULL SPECIFICATION NOT AVAILABLE TO YOU THROUGH WILMINGTON, THEY POSSIBLY COULD BE OBTAINED FROM DUPONT CANADA AND FORWARDED. GOC HAS ENDEAVORED THROUGH VARIOUS TECHNIQUES TO SEVERELY LIMIT AVAILABILITY DUPONT PRODUCTS IN CANADA.

3. RCMP WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF YOUR
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INQUIRY CAME AS A RESULT OF AN ENCOUNTER WITH PRESUMED

SWISS SHEETS. IF SO, THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE
AVAILABLE ON A PRIORITY BASIS TECHNIQUE FOR DISTINGUISHING
BETWEEN DUPONT EXPLOSIVE AND SWISS SHEETS ON BASIS
THAT WHAT YOU MIGHT BE DEALING WITH IS THE
DUPONT PRODUCT. ADVISE IF FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.
JOHNSON

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